

Virginia's Statesmen To Come To The Convention

People's Interests Likely to Be in the Hands of Men Who Can Be Trusted.

DANIEL FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

"Lame Lion" of Lynchburg May Preside Over the Great Gathering—Some Distinguished Men Who May Be Elected Delegates.

The Constitutional Convention is going to be the absorbing topic in Virginia politics for the next six or eight months. Interest in it will overshadow that which will be manifested in the contest for the Democratic nomination for the governorship. And, everybody knows the people are very much interested in the question of what shall be the next chief magistrate of this State.

Constitutional conventions are not often held more than once during a generation. The average citizen has a vague idea as to what this gathering of statesmen is empowered to do. Some look upon it as a horrid monster that is going to creep in and take away the liberties and the rights of the people. The truth is, there are some colored people who have got the idea that their race may be re-enslaved.

The Constitutional Convention is nothing more nor less than a gathering of statesmen selected by the people to draft an organic law for them. That is to say, the convention will draft a chart defining certain rights and powers to be exercised by legislatures, executive and judicial departments.

When you look to the Southside there is such talent as Wm. B. McIlwaine, Alexander Hamilton, Wm. P. McRae, E. P. Buford, Judge Wm. Hodges Mann, Robert Turnbull, Judge Asa Watkins and scores of others of ability.

Eugene Withers, H. D. Flood, Carter Glass and others, who have been leaders in the convention movement, will be here.

Harry St. George Tucker and Wm. A. Anderson would make a great team from Rockbridge and Staunton can furnish some able men in Edward Nichols, Judge Quarles, A. C. Gordon and others.

In the Southwest there is no end to the long list of statesmen—men like Rufus A. Ayers, Wm. P. Rhea, Dan and Conally Trigg and scores of others.

If the Republicans should be represented they could have able men in Judge L. L. Lewis, Jacob Yost, Judge Waddell, R. T. Thorpe, General James A. Walker, James S. Browning, George L. Bowden, Park Agnew, Carter M. Loughan and many others that might be named.

It is generally believed that when the convention meets and is organized it will divide up into sections—no geographical sections—but, more properly speaking, committees—that is, a committee will consider the franchise question, others the judiciary system, taxation, county and city offices and so on.

That the convention will be a body that will guard the interests of all the people, is a fact generally accepted.

CLOSE OF THE SOCIAL SEASON IN GAY NEW YORK SOCIETY

Warfare and Bitter Feuds Characterize the Ante-Lenten Days.

GOSSIP OF THE VANDERBILTS.

King Edward VII. Decides to Be a Model for the Men of England—Other Club Chat.

By DIEDRICH KNICKERBOCKER.

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This season may be well styled the season of feuds. Drawing-rooms have become the camps of hostile factions and I have found it a tax upon my diplomacy to avoid becoming enmeshed in the broils of the Capulets and Montagues of the gay metropolis. I confess I love the flesh-pots of the fashionable world with its steaming terrapin and its genuine canoodling, but I will welcome Lent, as it will impose a period of peace if not a period of penitence. Better a dinner of herbs where peace dwells than the most delicious duck where a warcloud threatens to burst.

The social world has gone money-mad, and the strangest quarrels have been brewed out of trifles. Examine the causes and the result is always the same—emulation in expenses, extravagance, failure to compute, heartburnings, insinuations, accusations and strained relations. Everybody knows the Willie K. Vanderbilts, the younger named that baby Muriel, and then went abroad leaving the baby in the direct charge of her mother and the indirect custody of the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Oliver Perry Hazard Belmont, and the maternal aunt, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs. But everybody does not know that the Vanderbilts, the Belmonts, the Oelrichs and their respective clans have been warring for a long time.

Then Willie K. Vanderbilt, the elder, made up a yachting party to cruise on the blue, deep, clear southern seas, and had as his guests the beautiful Mrs. Hunt and her equally beautiful sister, Mrs. Olie Harriman. At Tampa they played golf with August Belmont, brother of the husband of the late Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt. The present grandmother of baby Muriel.

LIKE TWO CHERRIES.

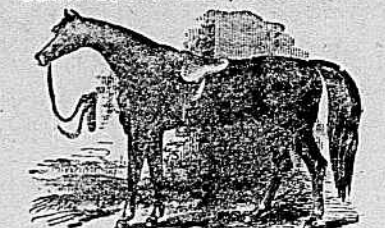
Like two cherries from one stem, have been Miss Callender and Miss De Forest. For music and for yachting. For social life and domestic life, they were two minds with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one. Their muscled were concert of the highest order, because these maiden ladies posed as social patrons perched on the apothecary of musical aesthetics, and before their knees the Melba, De Reszke and others of opera. For them the gifted singers sang for the asking, even though they refused the large checks of Vanderbilts and Astors. But it is different now.

How weary one gets of dinner dances. Mrs. Ogden Mills gave a pretty dance for her sweet young daughter, and Worthington Whitehouse enacted the role of Terpsichore, which means he led the co-

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joined to refrain from an exhibition of previous intimacy and that the ways of the Prince are not the ways of the King. He has determined to be a stickler for the dignity of the Queen and keep well within the shadow of her presence when other women are about.

I went to a dinner the other night. There were three men present whose wives have not been on this side of the Atlantic for three years, and four ladies whose husbands have business interests which keeps them at points distant from their homes. Neither the husbands nor the wives are depressed or lonely.

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NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

The Second Spring Hunters' Steeplechase Event

TO BE RUN OFF AT WASHINGTON

Presque Isle, the Son of Norfolk—McZeus at Glenlea—Young Gossip's Yearling—Braw Lad Wins at New Orleans.

The horse interest in Norfolk is quite an important one now and strong efforts are being put forth to increase it. The Union Stock-Yards Company, recently formed, with a capital stock of over \$200,000, has its yards in Berkeley, just across the river from Norfolk, where auction sales are held four days a week and the afternoon continued at night. Such large concerns as the McCleary & McClellan Live Stock Company, Smyth Brothers, formerly of this city, and other well-known firms are located there. The old concern of Hanan & Kelly, which has been in existence for more than a quarter of a century, do a large business in all classes of horses. Recent sales by them include the trotters Lord Harcourt, 2:25, by Cambridge; Johnny Wilkes, 2:20; Prince Miller, 2:24; Besant Rule, 2:20; by Bezan, and others without records. Among the fast ones owned by them now are Miss Childers, 2:22½, by Muscovite; Queen Gothard, 2:14½, by St. Gotard; Florence S, by Don Pizarro, 2:14½, dam by Hambletonian Mambrino; Norfolk Wilton, by Wilton, the dam of Planet, 2:04½; Sue Turpin, by Al Beaman, and others.

Andrew Smith, of the McCleary & McClellan Live Stock Co., has recently purchased of parties in Washington the bay gelding Nominee, 2:15½, by Rescue, and will race him this season. Nominee is a double-gaited horse and a stable of a pacer for a couple of seasons with good success by Colin Steel, who has a stable of horses at the Norfolk Driving Park track.

Captain Williamson has purchased of John Martine of the Cottage Farm and proprietor of the Norfolk Driving Park, the bay gelding Too Soon, 2:20½, by Al-lerton. Too Soon trotted to his record of 2:29½ at two years old, but has since shown his ability to go in 2:15. The son of Allerton will be campaigned this season.

The Foxhall Stock Farm, owned by Captain John L. Roper, the wealthy lumber merchant, will campaign a stable of trotters this season. Mr. P. Covington, who directs affairs at Foxhall, will have charge of Mr. Hanson, who marked Little Guy, 2:05½, and others, will do the training and driving. Nearly all of the horses in the stable are home-bred and sired by the farm stallion Great Stakes, 2:20, who was a good, consistent race-horse and is getting speed with uniformity. Nearly all of his get that have been shown in 1900 or 1901. He had three good ones out last year in Foxhall, 2:19½; W. H. M., 2:23½; and Gypstake, 2:25½. Several trainers at the Driving Park and others from various sections are expected at an early date. W. H. Leonard, the well-known western trainer, who hails from Indiana, is quartered there and his stable includes some promising youngsters and green trotters. The pacer, the winner of the 2:10½ Sapphire, 2:14½, and others were prepared for the season's campaign at this track last spring.

An event of interest to Virginia breeders and owners of hunters and steeplechase horses is the second spring hunters' steeplechase to be run at the forthcoming spring meeting of the Washington Jockey Club at the Benning's Track, Washington, D. C., in April. This steeplechase is for hunters four years old and upward, qualified under the rules of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association, that have been regularly hunted the entire season. The winner of the April 1, 1901, with a recognized hunt and hold such certificate from a master, which shall be filed at the time the horse is named. By subscription of \$15 each, play or pay, the Washington Jockey Club to add plate of the value of \$100 and a portion of the value of \$400, of which the plate, the subscription money, and \$250 of the purse to the winner, to the second \$100, to the third \$50.

All subscriptions must be made to H. G. Crickmore, clerk of the Washington Jockey Club, No. 173 Fifth Avenue, New York, on or before Saturday, March 9, 1901, and the horse must be named to him at the same time. The Washington Jockey Club, Benning, D. C., on or before April 1, 1901. Hunt clubs and individual subscribers may make as many

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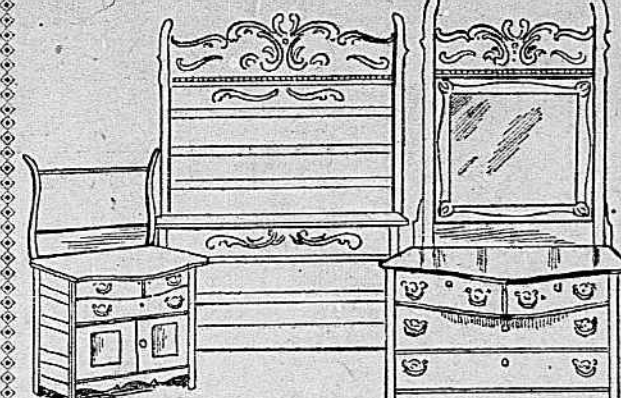
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No horse shall be allowed to carry less than 130 pounds. Allowances for half-breds must be claimed when the horses are named. Over-weight to any amount allowed is claimed at the time announced for the first time of the day upon which this race is to be run.

Ten subscriptions, to be made on or before March 9th, or the race may be declared off. About two miles and a half over the Steeplechase course of the Washington Jockey Club.

One of the best-informed students of blood lines and pedigrees of both thoroughbreds and trotters we have here is Dr. Fraser A. Smith, of Robinson & Smith, veterinary surgeons, who succeeded Dr. R. L. Tritton. Young Smith is a man of pleasant manners and a close student of his profession. Like his co-worker, Dr. Thomas M. Sweeney, he graduated with high honors at the Ontario Veterinary College, Canada, and is well thought of here. Dr. Smith came here from Lexington, Ky., where his grandfather, E. T. Haggard, and his uncle, J. R. Haggard, with whom he was formerly associated, are well-known members of the veterinary profession and horsemen as well, the latter having bred the noted gray pacing mare, Bessie Bonchill, 2:05½, by Empire Wilkes. Messrs. E. W. Haggard and T. H. Haggard, who are also owners of Dr. Smith, are connected respectively with the great breeding establishments of the late Marcus Daly, of Montana, and J. B. Hargis, of California.

"I am satisfied that by next fall he will be Lynne Bell's fastest colt. He is the best-gaited, best-mannered and gamest horse I ever drove." Thus wrote Chas. Atkinson, one of the very best trainers and drivers in Virginia and formerly chief handler of John Martin's racing stable at Norfolk. Trainer Atkinson refers to the young trotter Gen. Johnson, bred and formerly owned by Mr. Charles Sharp, a prominent lawyer of Norfolk, that he brought out perfectly green last summer and drove to a winning race record of 2:24 on Prospect Park's half-mile track near Baltimore, Md. Atkinson added in his letter of recent date that he regrets having sold Gen. Johnson, as he did for a tempting price to the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad after this. "I want another Lynne Bell, and am going to breed a trotting mare that I saw go a half in 1:02. She is speed crazy, sound, but no good for racing, as she can't be rated. After breeding her to Lynne Bell I shall enter her in some futurity stakes and hope to get a futurity winner."

Atkinson is now training a stable of trotters and pacers for A. L. McClellan, of Norfolk, among them being several of the get of the great race-horse and sire Director, 2:17½.

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